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President's Message *by Bill Melvin*

Just got my copy of *School Mates* in the mail a few days ago. This issue includes a list of the 1997 members of the **All-American Chess Team.** While only 40 individuals in the entire country earned this prestigious award, **five** (!) of them are from Alabama: **John Morcos, Matt Puckett, Andy Reeder, Daniel Thomas,** and **Andrew Whatley.** Let's put this into perspective: only California or New York have more individuals on the team. Now, it isn't fair to compare Alabama with California or New York on hardly anything. Alabama is much smaller. On a **per capita** basis, Alabama has the **absolute strongest scholastic chess players in the entire country !!!**

We are very proud of this elite five and the many Alabama scholastic chess players who are striving to duplicate their accomplishments. One question remains unanwerable: "Why does Alabama have such strong scholastic chess players?" Alabama's strong players come from all over the state. So, it obviously isn't one person (although Kyle Therrell has contributed to many of our budding prodigies starting with IM Stuart Rachels). Perhaps the competition generated by having several strong scholastic players drives others to accomplish the same? One thing is certain: the level of chess in Alabama is strong and getting stronger!

I attended the U.S. Masters tournament in Chicago during March and was given the chance to meet part of the USCF's governing body. For the first time I met: Mike Cavallo (Executive Director), Tom Dorsch (Treasurer), James Eade (Policy Board Member at Large), Al Lawrence (former Executive Director), and Harold Winston (former USCF President).

I was very much impressed by Mike Cavallo. He seems to have a firm handle on the problems of the USCF and comes across as a down to earth nice guy. The USCF appears to have made a "!!" move by hiring him.

Most of the material in the *Antics* is geared towards adults while most of our members are scholastics. I hereby formally challenge the membership (er, that would be you!) to correct this imbalance of material. The Editor can only publish what he is given. **Send in your games and thoughts.**

Rhodes puts a lot of work into getting each issue together. He is doing an outstanding job and people are starting to expect their *Antics* on time! This is progress. Let's keep Rhodes supplied **with plenty of new material.** Do we have a cartoonist? Well, we need one! I'll let you go now while I try to draw a straight line (with a ruler).

(The deadline for submitting material for the next issue is July 12. It's especially hard to scrape together enough material for a decent issue during the lazy "dog days" of June and July, so your help is needed even more than usual! I need material of all kinds, but especially annotated games. Please HELP!! - Ed.)

Maintaining the ACF Membership Roster

Look at the mailing label on this issue of *Alabama Chess Antics.* The first line contains (in this order) (i) your membership type (REG = Regular, JUN = Junior, SCH = Scholastic, LIF = Life, AFFL = Affiliate); (ii) your ACF (*not* USCF) expiration date; (iii) your ACF membership number, which *should* be identical with your USCF number; (iv) a number that Dick Rhea has used in the past to code deposits into the ACF checking account.

It is **up to you** to **renew your membership** before or when it expires and to **bring problems to the Secretary/Treasurer's attention** if you or someone you know isn't getting the *Antics.* Delivery dates of the same issue to different members may vary by as much as ten days due to the nature of bulk mail delivery. If more time than this passes and you or your friend still haven't received your/their issue, please contact **Jack Mallory**, the **ACF Secretary/Treasurer**. His mailing address and phone number appear on page 2.

Kasparov - Deep Blue Match Games

from the ACF Webpage,

Kasparov vs Deep Blue - May 1997

Deep Blue wins the match 3.5-2.5.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Kasparov	1	0	=	=	=	0	2.5
DeepBlue	0	1	=	=	=	1	3.5

Game 6 - DeepBlue vs Kasparov - 11 May 1997
1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Ng5 Ngf6 6 Bd3 e6 7 N1f3 h6 8 Nxe6 Qe7 9 O-O fxe6 10 Bg6+ Kd8 11 Bf4 b5 12 a4 Bb7 13 Re1 Nd5 14 Bg3 Kc8 15 axb5 cxb5 16 Qd3 Bc6 17 Bf5 exf5 18 Rxe7 Bxe7 19 c4
1 - 0

Game 5 - Kasparov vs DeepBlue - 10 May 1997
1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Bg4 3 Bg2 Nd7 4 h3 Bxf3 5 exf3 c6 6 d3 e6 7 e4 Ne5 8 Bg2 dxe4 9 Bxe4 Nf6 10 Bg2 Bb4+ 11 Nd2 h5 12 Qe2 Qc7 13 c3 Be7 14 d4 Ng6 15 h4 e5 16 Nf3 exd4 17 Nxd4 O-O-O 18 Bg5 Ng4 19 O-O-O Rhe8 20 Qc2 Kb8 21 Kb1 Bxg5 22 hxg5 N6e5 23 Rhe1 c5 24 Nf3 Rxd1+ 25 Rxd1 Nc4 26 Qa4 Rd8 27 Re1 Nb6 28 Qc2 Qd6 29 c4 Qg6 30 Qxg6 fxg6 31 b3 Nxf2 32 Re6 Kc7 33 Rxg6 Rd7 34 Nh4 Nc8 35 Bd5 Nd6 36 Re6 Nb5 37 cxb5 Rxd5 38 Rg6 Rd7 39 Nf5 Ne4 40 Nxg7 Rd1+ 41 Kc2 Rd2+ 42 Kc1 Rxa2 43 Nxh5 Nd2 44 Nf4 Nb3+ 45 Kb1 Rd2 46 Re6 c4 47 Re3 Kb6 48 g6 Kxb5 49 g7 Kb4
1/2 - 1/2

Game 4 - DeepBlue vs Kasparov - 7 May 1997
1 e4 c6 2 d4 d6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 h3 Bh5 6 Bd3 e6 7 Qe2 d5 8 Bg5 Be7 9 e5 Nfd7 10 Bxe7 Qxe7 11 g4 Bg6 12 Bxg6 hxg6 13 h4 Na6 14 O-O-O O-O-O 15 Rdg1 Nc7 16 Kb1 f6 17 exf6 Qxf6 18 Rg3 Rde8 19 Re1 Rhf8 20 Nd1 e5 21 dxe5 Qf4 22 a3 Ne6 23 Nc3 Ndc5 24 b4 Nd7 25 Qd3 Qf7 26 b5 Ndc5 27 Qe3 Qf4 28 bxc6 bxc6 29 Rd1 Kc7 30 Ka1 Qxe3 31 fxe3 Rf7 32 Rh3 Ref8 33 Nd4 Rf2 34 Rb1 Rg2 35 Nce2 Rxg4 36 Nxe6+ Nxe6 37 Nd4 Nxd4 38 exd4 Rxd4 39 Rg1 Rc4 40 Rxg6 Rxc2 41 Rxg7+ Kb6 42 Rb3+ Kc5 43 Rxa7 Rf1 44 Rb1 Rff2 45 Rb4 Rc1+ 46 Rb1 Rcc2 47 Rb4 Rc1+ 48 Rb1 Rxb1+ 49 Kxb1 Re2 50 Re7 Rh2 51 Rh7 Kc4 52 Rc7 c5 53 e6 Rxh4 54 e7 Re4 55 a4 Kb3 56 Kc1
1/2 - 1/2

Game 3 - Kasparov vs DeepBlue - 6 May 1997
1 d3 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c4 Nf6 4 a3 d6 5 Nc3 Be7 6 g3 O-O 7 Bg2 Be6 8 O-O Qd7 9 Ng5 Bf5 10 e4 Bg4 11 f3 Bh5 12 Nh3 Nd4 13 Nf2 h6 14 Be3 c5 15 b4 b6 16 Rb1 Kh8 17 Rb2 a6 18 bxc5 bxc5 19 Bh3 Qc7 20 Bg4 Bg6 21 f4 exf4 22 gxf4 Qa5 23 Bd2 Qxa3 24 Ra2 Qb3 25 f5 Qxd1 26 Bxd1 Bh7 27 Nh3 Rfb8 28 Nf4 Bd8 29 Nfd5 Nc6 30 Bf4 Ne5 31 Ba4 Nxd5 32 Nxd5 a5 33 Bb5 Ra7 34 Kg2 g5 35 Bxe5 dxe5 36 f6 Bg6 37 h4 gxh4 38 Kh3 Kg8 39 Kxh4 Kh7 40 Kg4 Bc7 41 Nxc7 Rxc7 42 Rxa5 Rd8 43 Rf3 Kh8 44 Kh4 Kg8 45 Ra3 Kh8 46 Ra6 Kh7 47 Ra3 Kh8 48.Ra6
1/2 - 1/2

Game 2 - DeepBlue vs Kasparov - 4 May 1997
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 c3 O-O 9 h3 h6 10 d4 Re8 11 Nbd2 Bf8 12 Nf1 Bd7 13 Ng3 Na5 14 Bc2 c5 15 b3 Nc6 16 d5 Ne7 17 Be3 Ng6 18 Qd2 Nh7 19 a4 Nh4 20 Nxh4 Qxh4 21 Qe2 Qd8 22 b4 Qc7 23 Rec1 c4 24 Ra3 Rec8 25 Rca1 Qd8 26 f4 Nf6 27 fxe5 dxe5 28 Qf1 Ne8 29 Qf2 Nd6 30 Bb6 Qe8 31 R3a2 Be7 32 Bc5 Bf8 33 Nf5 Bxf5 34 exf5 f6 35 Bxd6 Bxd6 36 axb5 axb5 37 Be4 Rxa2 38 Qxa2 Qd7 39 Qa7 Rc7 40 Qb6 Rb7 41 Ra8+ Kf7 42 Qa6 Qc7 43 Qc6 Qb6+ 44 Kf1 Rb8 45 Ra6
1-0

Game 1 - Kasparov vs DeepBlue. - 3 May 1997
1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Bg4 3 b3 Nd7 4 Bb2 e6 5 Bg2 Ngf6 6 O-O c6 7 d3 Bd6 8 Nbd2 O-O 9 h3 Bh5 10 e3 h6 11 Qe1 Qa5 12 a3 Bc7 13 Nh4 g5 14 Nhf3 e5 15 e4 Rfe8 16 Nh2 Qb6 17 Qc1 a5 18 Re1 Bd6 19 Ndf1 dxe4 20 dxe4 Bc5 21 Ne3 Rad8 22 Nhf1 g4 23 hxg4 Nxg4 24 f3 Nxe3 25 Nxe3 Be7 26 Kh1 Bg5 27 Re2 a4 28 b4 f5 29 exf5 e4 30 f4 Bxe2 31 fxg5 Ne5 32 g6 Bf3 33 Bc3 Qb5 34 Qf1 Qxf1+ 35 Rxf1 h5 36 Kg1 Kf8 37 Bh3 b5 38 Kf2 Kg7 39 g4 Kh6 40 Rg1 hxg4 41 Bxg4 Bxg4 42 Nxg4+ Nxg4+ 43 Rxg4 Rd5 44 f6 Rd1 45 g7
1-0

CHESS FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA

Chess Foundation of Alabama

Dear Chessplayer:

A few years ago, a charitable organization was formed to promote chess and chess education for the residents of the state of Alabama. That organization is the Chess Foundation of Alabama.

The Foundation is having to raise funds. All funds raised will be accumulated and invested. Income from those funds will be used for the Foundation's charitable activities, i.e., help promote scholastic chess programs, both existing and undeveloped; chess camp scholarships; continued publication of the Alabama Chess Federation quarterly newsletter, Alabama Chess Antics, and other chess-promoting endeavors consistent with the Foundation's status as a tax-exempt organization. We solicit your participation in support of the Foundation's efforts to expose even more of our state's citizens, both young and old, to the challenge and stimulation of this time-honored game of strategy, tactics, concentration and patience.

Please join us now in this endeavor. We offer three categories of sponsorship: Under $10, Donor; $11-$25, Sponsor; $26 and Over, Benefactor. We will be happy to mail you a copy of the Foundation's By-Laws and/or Articles of Incorporation upon receipt of your request and a $30 or more contribution. All contributions are **tax deductible**, and a receipt will be supplied at your request.

Checks should be made payable to the **Chess Foundation of Alabama.** Should you prefer to make a pledge, please do so by telephone or fax to the numbers indicated above.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUPPORT CHESS IN ALABAMA !!!

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ellis
President

Chess for Life

ACF Calendar *by Kenneth Sloan*

This table of chess events is taken from the webpage [redacted]
Look it over and mark your calendar with all events that you ***might*** *want to play in! Organizers, please call or E-mail Dr. Sloan so that your tournament(s) can be listed. - Ed.*

Event	Date and City	Contact person, phone number and/or E-mail address
Alabama State G/10 Champ. (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	May 24; Birmingham	Kenneth Sloan [redacted]
Vulcan Open (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	May 24 - 25; Birmingham (School of Ed. Bldg., UAB)	Kenneth Sloan [redacted]
First Sunday Quads	June 1; Birmingham (Hill Univ. Center Bldg. at UAB)	Kenneth Sloan [redacted]
Alabama G/29 Championship (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	June 14; Montgomery (Gunter AFB Rec. Center)	Caesar Lawrence [redacted]
Birmingham City Qualifier	June 29; Birmingham	Kyle Therrell [redacted]
First Sunday Quads	July Quads CANCELLED (UAB is closed)	
First Sunday Quads	August 3; Birmingham (Hill Univ. Center Bldg. at UAB)	Kenneth Sloan [redacted]
Back 2 School Blues Unrated Scholastic	August 16; Birmingham	Dale Robbins [redacted]
Championship Warmup (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	August 23 - 24; Huntsville	Jerry Wheeler [redacted]
Alabama State Championship (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	August 30 - September 1;Chickasaw (Davis Municipal Auditorium)	Camille Gaston [redacted]

1996/7 "Heart of Dixie" Chess Tour

The Alabama **"Heart of Dixie"** Chess Tour is a year-long contest to help promote Alabama chess participation and competition. The inaugural "Heart of Dixie" tour will span from October 1, 1996 through the 1997 Alabama State Championship. For a tournament to qualify as an Alabama Heart of Dixie Tour event, it must meet the following requirements:

- It must be **USCF rated.**
- It must **require ACF dues** for Alabama residents. No other dues may be required except USCF dues.
- It must be an **open weekend tournament in Alabama of at least three rounds** in length.
- It must be **advertised on the ACF WWW Calendar** as an Alabama Heart of Dixie event at least one month in advance.
- A copy of the final **wall chart** and appropriate Heart of Dixie Tour **fees** must be **submitted** to the ACF Secretary / Treasurer within two weeks of the end of the tournament.

Prize Fund

The prize fund will be formed from tournament round fees (USCF Grand Prix events, $5.00 per round; all others, $3.00 per round; Quick rated events, $2.00 per round) and other donations. The ACF is donating $300.00 to the prize fund for the Dixie Tour's inaugural year. Prizes will be awarded to top players of each class by the following percentages of the prize fund:

Master/Expert:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class A:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class B:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class C:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class D:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class E/Unrated	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%

Conditions of Awarding Prizes

- The final class standing of a player will be determined by the August 1997 USCF rating supplement.
- Players must be ACF members to accumulate Heart of Dixie points.

Earning Heart of Dixie Points

ACF members may earn Heart of Dixie points as follows:

Each player participating in an Alabama USCF Grand Prix Heart of Dixie Tour event will earn 20 points. Players participating in the Alabama State Championship will earn 30 points. Players participating in all other Heart of Dixie Tour events will earn 10 points. Players must complete at least half of the scheduled rounds in any tournament to earn these points.

Players will be awarded additional Heart of Dixie points for a positive performance result in any Heart of Dixie event by the formula

(wins - losses) x (# of rounds) = performance pts

A maximum of 20 performance points will be awarded for any one-day event. Players must complete the tournament to earn any performance points. Unplayed games except for byes or forfeit wins will be counted as losses for this calculation. Full-point byes will be counted as wins.

Current Heart of Dixie Standings

26 Dec 1996, Magic City Open	$325
18 Jan 1997, MGMCC G/29	$335
15 Feb, 1997, Queen of Hearts	$350
Master/Expert	
Daniel, Lamar (2217)	45
Inman, Brent (2191)	25
Melvin, Bill (2225)	40
Petty, Kirk (2039)	25
Reeder, Andy (2107)	60
Whatley, Andrew (2269)	80
Class A	
Bond, Tim (1927)	25
Cahoon, Rory (1974)	10
DeFiore, Louis (1837)	10
Downs, Charles (1988)	35
Gwin, Jack (1814)	20
Lawrence, Caesar (1844)	60
Lawry, Thomas (1901)	15
Morcos, John (1850)	35
Peele, Rhodes (1873)	30
Schaetzle, Walter (1850)	10
Sloan, Ken (1871)	45
Todd, Alan (1854)	20
Class B	
Agnew, Bose (1641)	10
Ananiabis, Constantine (1604)	50
Bowen, James (1650)	10
Fisk, Lawrence (1799)	10
Morrison, David (1602)	20
Schaetzle, Michael (1695)	20
Smith, Ross (1714)	20
Stanton, Roy (1776)	50
Class C	
Abdel-Ghany, Mohamed (1500)	35
Ashmore, Charles (1563)	10
Chipman, Paul (1430)	10
Ellis, Richard (1408)	30
Hutchinson, Nathaniel (1409)	17.5
Koerner, James (1476)	10
O'Connor, John (1588)	10
Richardson, James (1526)	32.5
Class D	
Adams, David	10
Ashmore, Sherman (1265)	15
Elmes, Thomas (1265)	25
Martin, Roy (1250)	20
Nunnally, Timothy (1281)	10
Rieves, Robert (1336)	40
Wood, Fred (1384)	10
Sloan, David (1277)	40
Class E/Unrated	
Delorenz, Sebastion (1121)	20
Chandler, Warner (1040)	20
Flanagan, Burton (951)	20
Jackson, Marcus (991)	10

Direct all inquiries to **Jack Mallory**

1997/8 Alabama State Championship

August 30 through September 1, 1997
J.C. Davis Municipal Auditorium, Chickasaw AL.*

Sponsors: Alabama Chess Federation and United States Chess Federation.
Hosts: City of Chickasaw and Clark School of Math and Science Chess Program.

Open Section (Open to all.)	
First prize	$450
Second prize	$225
Top expert	$180
Top Class A	$180
Top under 1800	$180

Reserve Section (Open to under 1600.)	
First prize	$300
Second prize	$150
Top Class D	$130
Top Class E	$130
Top under 1000 & unrated	$75

Entry fees: Payable at registration (check, cash, Visa or MasterCard) or in advance (no discount) to **Camille Gaston,**

Regular entry fee for players competing for cash prizes (both sections) is $50.00.
Special Scholastic entry fee for students through grade 12 who wish to compete for non-cash awards and other donated prizes only is $15.00.

Lodging: Contact **Howard Johnson's**, Chickasaw, I 65 at Exit 10, West Lee Street **(334)-457-4006** for special rates for tournament participants.

Registration: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday.

Time controls: **30** moves in **90** minutes, then **sudden death** in **one hour.**

Rounds: **Saturday, 12:00** noon and **6:00** PM; **Sunday, 8:00** AM, **1:30** PM, **7:00** PM; **Monday,** immediately after the ACF business meeting.

ACF Business Meeting on Monday, September 1: The ACF will conduct its annual State Championship business meeting (including election of Officers for the next year) at 8:00 AM. Final round of tournament will immediately follow this meeting (approximately 9:30 AM).

Chief Tournament director: Rich Bellezza.

Inquiries: Camille Gaston

* Off Interstate 65 just north of Mobile, takeWest Lee Street Exit (Exit # 10) ; go one block east to intersection of Thompson and Grand Blvd.

Championship Warmup

Huntsville Chess Club

Championship Warmup

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UAH Student Center
Huntsville, Alabama

Location May Vary
DATE: 23-24 August 1997
DETAILS: 5 Round Swiss. USCF Rated.
Heart of Dixie Event Tournament
Novag Grand Prix Tournament - 15 Grand Prix Points
TIME CONTROL: 40 moves in 100 minutes, 15 moves in 30 minutes;
Scholastic - Game in 45 minutes, Round Times May Vary
REGISTRATION: For early registration, send entry form and fees to:
Huntsville Chess Club

8:00 - 9:00 AM on 1st day of tournament
ROUNDS: Open and Reserve Sections: 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 Saturday;
9:00, 2:00 Sunday
Scholastic: 10:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 Saturday only
MEMBERSHIP: All participants must be USCF and ACF members (other states OK).
Memberships available on site.
ENTRY FEE: Open: $40 if received by August 22. $50 at site.
Reserve U1800: $30 if received by August 22. $40 at site.
Scholastic: $10 if received by 15 April. $15 at site.
Make checks payable to the Huntsville Chess Club
PRIZES: $500 Guaranteed, other prizes based on 30 entries in section
Open: 1st $300G + Trophy, 2nd $200G, Expert $75 - $60,
U2000 $50 - $40
Reserve: 1st $120 + Trophy, 2nd $80, Class C $55 - $45,
Class D/E $45 - $35, Unrated $30
Scholastic: 3 Sections K-3, 4-6, 7-12 Trophies 1st - 3rd in each section.
Hotel Room Reservations: Tom Bevill Conference Center & Hotel,
550 Sparkman Dr. 35816 (205) 721-9428
INFORMATION: Gerald Wheeler

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Advance Registration Form

Name:_____ Section:_____

USCF ID:_____ Telephone:_____

First Sunday Quads

When:	The First Sunday of **(almost)** every month (please check the ACF Calendar - for example, there's **no FSQ in July**)
Where:	Hill University Center on the UAB campus (corner of University Ave and 14th Street South)
What:	Low-cost USCF rated Quads, G/45. **Entry fee: $2.00.** Some sections may be Hex, or G/30
Times:	**Registration,** 1:00-1:30; **Rounds,** 1:45, 3:15, 4:45
Prizes:	Clear winner in each section receives free entry to the next event.

All ages and all playing levels welcome. USCF Membership Required (available on site). This is a popular low-stress format. Come and enjoy the chess! No big $$, no big trophies - just chess. Please bring sets, boards and clocks. Round times are nominal - we'll play each round ASAP (RR format means no delay for pairings). Questions? - contact Kenneth Sloan

Alabama (QC) G/29 Championship

5 Round Swiss USCF Quickchess rated

When:	Saturday, June 14, 1997 **(NOTE the new date)**
Entry fee:	$20 (cash) for each player
Time Control:	Game in 29 minutes
Where:	Recreation Center, Gunter AFB Building 825 (210 Ramp Street) Montgomery, AL
Registration:	8:00 A.M. til 9:00 A.M.
Rounds:	9:15, 10:30, 11:45, 1:45 and 3:00
Prizes:	**$400 based on 20 players** Trophy to top overall and top under 1600 1st place $100; Top Class A $75; Top Class B $75 Top Class C$75; Top under 1400/unrated $75
Questions:	Caesar Lawrence (TD)
Notice:	USCF and ACF Membership and ID are required; NS, NC, W

A "Heart of Dixie" Tour Event !

AUM Hosts 25th Queen of Hearts *by Rhodes Peele*

This year's Queen of Hearts started on February 15 on the tenth floor of the Library Tower at Auburn University at Montgomery, and finished on February 16 in the more familiar University Center Student Activities Room. The tournament drew 32 players, and a preliminary "speed chess" event on February 14 (Saint Valentine's Day) at the coffee bar in the Montgomery Barnes and Noble Bookstore drew eight players.

Ray Downs of Montgomery swept the field in the speed tournament. His 7 - 0 score won him a copy of *The Oxford Companion to Chess* that the Barnes and Noble management had generously donated to promote the event.

The main tournament had two sections, Open (to all) and Reserve (under 1800). (Since there were not enough players to run a reasonable five-round Swiss System for both an Amateur and a Reserve Section, the players involved elected to combine these two sections into one while retaining the announced prize structures for the Amateur and Reserve Sections.) Tournament Director Rich Bellezza did his usual impeccable job, and everyone seemed to have a good time. The only mishap of any importance occurred in the first round when one of the players accidentally set off the building's security alarm system!

Georgian Steven Booth, the strongest of the Open Section's three Masters, scored 4.5 - 0.5 to win first prize. Andrew Whatley, Brent Inman and Tim Bond took equal shares of the combined second prize, top expert prize and under 2000 prize. The second under 2000 prize was split equally among six players.

Auburn University graduate student Constantine Ananiadis won the top Amateur prize with a score of 4 - 1, and Class D (at the time!) player and chess organizer Thomas Elmes won the top Reserve prize with an equal score of 4 - 1. James Richardson won the Amateur second prize. David Sloan, Sherman Ashmore and Nathaniel Hutchinson each won $60.

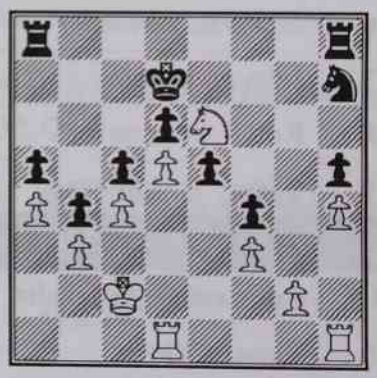
Recently, adult participation in rated tournaments in Alabama has fallen off somewhat, and the announced prize money (which was based on a total entry of 40 players in this tournament) was unfortunately reduced by 20%. But the emerging strength and numbers of Alabama's younger players is a positive trend that more than compensates for reduced adult participation. In nearly every major tournament in Alabama, its younger players create beautiful games. One such game was played between James Richardson and David Sloan in this tournament. By coincidence, James's father was the architect of the building in which the game was played, AUM's Library Tower. The game features a beautiful (and completely sound!) two-rook sacrifice. I'm not especially superstitious, but I can't resist mentioning that from a distance, the Library Tower looks exactly like a chess rook! James has annotated this game for the present issue of *Alabama Chess Antics*.

Unfortunately, only one other game (without annotations) from this tournament was submitted for publication:

25th Queen of Hearts
February 16, 1997
Fifth Round - 40/90; SD/30
Benko Gambit

Steven Booth (2426)	**Bill Melvin (2220)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.a4 b4 5.Nd7 e5 6.e4 d6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.Ng3 Nbd7 9.Nf5 g6 10.Nxe7 Qxe7 11.Be2 Nf8 12.h4 h6 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Nb3 a5 15.Be3 Kd8 16.Nc1 Kc7 17.Bd1 Ne8 18.Qd2 h5 19.Ne2 f5 20.ef gf 21.Bg5 Qf7 22.Ng3 f4 23.Ne4 Bf5 24.Bc2 Qg6 25.f3 Nh7 26.O-O-O Nef6 27.Bxf6 Nxf6 28.Ng5 Bxc2 29.Qxc2 Qxc2+ 30.Kxc2 Nh7 31.Ne6+ Kd7



32.g3 fg 33.Rdg1 Rhg8 34.Rh3 g2 35.Rh2 Nf8 36.Ng5 Ng6 37.Rgxg2 Nf4 38.Rg1 Raf8 39.Kd2 Ng6 40.Ke3 Ke7 41.Ne6 Rf5 42.Rhg2 Rf6 43.Rg3 Ke8 44.Rg5 Ke7 45.Rxh5 Rb8 46.Rh7+ Rf7 47.Rxf7+ Kxf7 48.h5 Ne7 49.Ng5+ Kf8 50.Ke4 Kg7 51.Ne6+ Kh6 52.Rg7 Ng8 53.Kf5 Rf8+ 54.Nxf8 Kxg7 55.Ne6+ Kh6 56.Nxc5 Kxh5 57.Ne4 Ne7+ 58.Ke6 Nc8 59.Nxd6 Nb6 60.b3 Nxa4 61.ba resigns.

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25th Queen of Hearts - 15 - 16 February 1997 - Open Section

Player	Name	Prev	Perf	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Steven A. Booth	2426	2450	2432	W17	W 5	W 3	D 2	W 4	4.5
2	Andrew W. Whatley	2250	2365	2268	W14	D 8	W 4	D 1	W 5	4
3	Brent H. Inman	2183	2183	2190	W11	W13	L 1	W12	W 8	4
4	Bill Melvin	2220	2105	2211	W19	W16	L 2	W 7	L 1	4
5	Andy Reeder	2104	2113	2107	W10	L 1	W 8	W13	L 2	3
6	Tim Bond	1921	1850	1906	L16	W19	L12	W14	W15	3
7	Rory Cahoon	1996	1876	1971	D18	D12	W15	L 4	D11	2.5
8	Charles "Ray" Downs	1988	1972	1988	W15	D 2	L 5	W16	L 3	2.5
9	Rhodes Peele	1938	1788	1913	L13	W18	.5 bye	D11	D10	2.5
10	Louis S. DeFiore	1845	1879	1851	L 5	W14	L13	W18	D 9	2.5
11	Alan Todd	1841	1924	1857	L 3	W17	D16	D 9	D 7	2.5
12	Walter J. Schaetzle	1800	2033	1826	.5 bye	D 7	W 6	L 3	.5 bye	2.5
13	Michael J. Schaetzle	1658	1937	1702	W 9	L 3	W10	L 5	D16	2.5
14	Kenneth Sloan	1886	1870	1880	L 2	L10	W19	L 6	W17	2
15	Ross Owen Smith	1710	1749	1715	L 8	1 bye	L 7	W17	L 6	2.0
16	James R. Bowen	1613	1846	1647	W 6	L 4	D11	L 8	D13	2
17	John N. Morcos	1891	1694	1843	L 1	L11	W18	L15	L14	1
18	Roy F. Stanton	1808	1618	1779	D 7	L 9	L17	L10	F	0.5
19	Caesar W. Lawrence	1842	1609	1812	L 4	L 6	L14	F	F	0

25th Queen of Hearts - 15 - 16 February - Reserve Section

1	Constantine Ananiadis	1573	1761	1605	.5 bye	W 6	W 9	W 7	D 3	4
2	Thomas Elmes	1374	1653	1429	W 8	L10	W 6	W 4	W 7	4
3	James Lee Richardson	1524	1555	1528	L 4	W11	W 5	W10	D 1	3.5
4	Nathaniel Hutchinson	1346	1669	1411	W 3	D 7	W13	L 2	W 8	3.5
5	David Sloan	1296	1475	1325	D 9	D 8	L 3	1 bye	W10	3
6	Sherman Ashmore	1183	1408	1217	1 bye	L 1	L 2	W12	W11	3
7	Charles I. Ashmore	1648	1410	1601	W11	D 4	W10	L 1	L 2	2.5
8	David L. Adams	1500	1364	1470	L 2	D 5	W12	W 9	L 4	2.5
9	James R. Koerner	1489	1436	1478	D 5	W12	L 1	L 8	W13	2.5
10	Fred E. Wood	1387	1388	1387	W13	W 2	L 7	L 3	L 5	2
11	Robert M. Rieves	1371	1264	1354	L 7	L 3	1 bye	W13	L 6	2
12	Edward Burton	1313	0991	1274	1 bye	L 9	L 8	L 6	1 bye	2
13	Richard Wm. Ellis	1500	0998	1417	L10	1 bye	L 4	L11	L 9	1

A Game from the Queen of Hearts *by James Richardson*

25th Queen of Hearts - Reserve
February 15, 1997 - Round 3

J. Richardson	David Sloan
(1524)	(1296)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bg5!?

Usually 3.c4 would be played here, transposing to the Chigorin's Defense of the Queen's Gambit Declined. I cannot find any games with this move, but I do not think this move is particularly bad.

3. ... h6 4.Bh4 Bg4 5.e3 Qd7

Moves the queen so the e-pawn can advance.

6.h3

I played this move to see the bishop's intentions. If Black had moved the bishop to f5, I would have played Bb5 with the threat of a powerful Ne5.

6. ... Bh5 7.c4 O-O-O?

Black must develop his pieces before preparing an attacking scheme. This move weakens his king greatly and does not really support an attack on White's king, since White has not even castled kingside yet. Also castling queenside prevents Black from advancing the e-pawn, since it is pinned. Better might have been 7. ... e6.

8.Nc3 dc

Forced, since Black cannot play ... e6, and ... Nf6 is met by Bxf6.

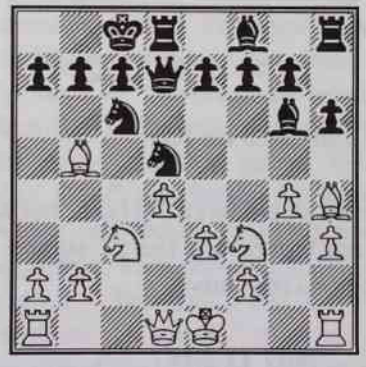
9.Bxc4 Nf6 10.g4!?

I played this ambitious move to unpin my knight so it could become active. I felt with this move, I could take advantage of Black's awkward development.

10. ... Bg6 11.Bb5

Even though I move the same piece in the opening, this move seems to be powerful.

11. ... Nd5



Position after 11. ... Nd5

Black simply ignores the threat of Ne5, and for a moment it seems as though he has a powerful counterattack. Here are some alternatives:

a) 11. ... Qd6 12. Qa4 a6 [12. ... Qb4 13.Bxc6 Qxb2 14.O-O Qxc3 (14. ... bc 15.Rab1 Bxb1 16.Rxb1 Qxc3 17.Ne5 a5 18.Nxc6 Ke7 19.Nxd8+ Kc8 20.Bxf6 gf 21.Nxf7) 15.Rfc1 Qd3 16.Bxb7+ Kxb7 17.Qc6+ Kb8 18.Qxc7+ Ka8 19.Qc6+ Kb8 20.Bg3+] 13.Bg3 (refer to variation b) for an alternative) Qe6 (13. ...ab! 14.Qa8+ Kd7 15.Qxb7 Rb8 (15. ... Qe6 16.d5) 16.Qxb8 Nxb8 17.Bxd6 cd 18.Nxb5 (seems unclear); for 13. ... Qb4 refer to the last subvariation) 14. Bc4 Qd7 15.Bxa6! ba 16.Ne5 ! Nxe5 17.Qxa6+ Kb8 18.Nb5 Nc6 19.Qb6+ Kc8 20.Bxc7 and mate cannot be avoided.

b) 11. ... Qe6 12.Qa4 a6 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6 bc is a safer alternative to variation a), though there might be a better continuation.

12.Ne5 Nxc3 13.bc Qd5 14.Bxc6 bc 15.Qa4!

This sets up the rare double rook sacrifice.

15. ... Qxh1+?

Better was 15. ... Qb5, even though it loses a pawn.

16.Ke2 Qxa1?

After 16. ... Qg2 17.Qa6+ Kb8 18.Nxc6+ Qxc6 19.Qxc6, the threat of 20.e4 is deadly.

17.Qa6+

Black resigned in view of 17. ... Kb8 18.Nxc6 Ka8 19.Qxa7 mate.

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A Sicilian Grand Prix Attack Game *by Dr. Bo Bashinsky*

The Birmingham Chess Club meets in the U.A.B. Student Center on Tuesday and Friday nights. Kirk Petty has been organizing Tuesday night tournaments where participants play a game in 60 minutes on four consecutive Tuesday nights. When *Alabama Chess Antics* asked for readers to submit annotated games I decided to send in one of my games from the February tournament.

Tuesday Night Tournament
February 18, 1997 (Round 4)
Sicilian Grand Prix Attack

Bo Bashinsky	**Scott Miller**
(1545)	**(1498)**

1.e4 c5 2.f4

The Grand Prix Attack. I've won some nice games with this system which seems to leave many people at a loss by varying from the 2.Nf3 and 2.d4 open systems of the Sicilian. I became acquainted with it in Sunil Weeramantry's *Best Lessons of a Chess Coach,* and later I read Ken Smith's *Grand Prix Attack.* Some of the main ideas of the opening will become evident in this game.

2. ... d6

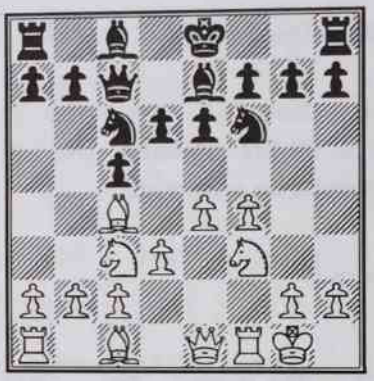
A more active move is 2. ... d5 given by my Fritz 4 computer program.

3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bc4 Qc7 6.d3

This move protects the bishop and brings the bishop on c1 into play.

6. ... Nc6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Qe1

This is thematic in the Grand Prix Attack. From e1 the queen supports an e5 push or a Qg3 excursion.



*Position after **8.Qe1***

8. ... a6 9.e5 de 9.fe

Here I considered 9.Nxe5, but this doesn't pressure the f7 square as much as my move.

10. ... Nd7 11.Bf4

My black bishop is in the game with the rook on f1 eyeing f7. Also, White controls the squares e5, d6 and f6.

11. ... b5 12.Bb3 Qb6

Black sets up the discovery c4+ winning the bishop. I immediately played Kh1 wasting no time off the clock.

13.Kh1 Bb7 14.Ne4 (eyeing d6) **Na5**

Black is playing to "kill the bishop" instead of tending to king safety by O-O-O or O-O.

15.Qg3 g6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.ed Nxb3 18.ab Bxf3

This may not be Black's best move, but next move I planned Ne5 to challenge the blockader on d7. If Black exchanges knights, the bishop on f4 takes on e5 attacking the rook on h8 and uncovering R on f1 (which bears down on f7). If he doesn't exchange then I would exchange knights and maneuver the bishop to e5, f6 and e7.

19.Qxf3

I had considered Rxf3 and doubling the rooks on the f file. However, the game move threatens the rook on a8 and creates a battery against f7. Here Black can castle queenside but this leads to 20.Bg5 Rdf8 21.Be7.

19. ... Rac8 20.Bh6 f5

Black threatens to take the d6 pawn. I decided to enter the game line to try and open up the pawn structure and to maintain my advantage on the black squares. The pawn on d6, queen on f4, and bishop on h6 have a firm grip on the black squares. To break this grip Black plays the natural e5.

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The Highest Rated Person I Have Ever Beaten *by Bill Melvin*

One question I get asked a lot is "Who's the highest rated person you've ever beaten? Well, up to until March 15, 1997, this person was Charles Schulien rated 2505 at the time. This was many years ago. After the recent Smokey Mountains Chess Festival in Gatlinberg, Tennessee, I get to change my answer:

Smokey Mountains Chess Festival
March 15, 1997 (Game in 60)
Round 1, Board 2
Center Counter Defense (B01)

Bill Melvin (2220) Alexander Reprintsev (2530)

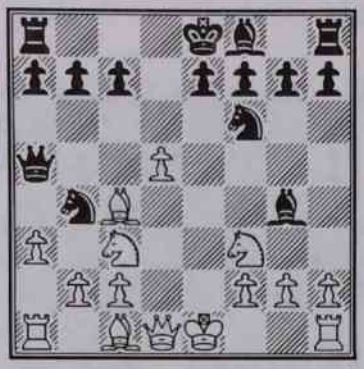
1.e4 d5 2.ed Qd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6

Black's fifth move is his specialty. Reprintsev has been playing this pet line for at least nine years. For instance, the game V. Gurevich - Reprintsev from the USSR Championships in 1988 is referenced in some of the books on this line. As for me, I had never heard of this odd move. You really can't like my chances at this point.

6.d5 Nb4 7.Bc4

It seems that 6.Bb5+ is White's main try. Still, ECO quotes a Bobby Fischer - Seidman game from the USA Championship in 1958/9 as proceeding with 7.Bb5+ c6 8.dc bc 9.Ba4 with a slight advantage for White. I was concerned about 8. ... Nxc6 during the game where I didn't see any immediate advantage for White. I wanted to punish my opponent for his weird play.

7. ... Bg4 8.a3



Position after 8.a3

This move appears to be a novelty. Brian Smith from Murfreesbobo, Tennessee was kind enough to do some analysis of this game as well as a database search. His database only shows an obscure game between Khlgatian, G. vs. Andreescu, N. from 1994 here. In that game, White played 8.O-O and lost in 32 moves. However, obviously, 8.O-O is not a losing move. In my opinion, the whole idea of 7. ... Bg4 and ... Bxf3 may be slow since it "spends" time on the other side of the board.

8. ... Bxf3 9.gf c6 10.axb4!!

This Exchange sacrifice is the game winner. I played it quickly without much analysis for positional reasons. Black's queen will become trapped and that was enough for me.

10. ... Qxa1 11.O-O

I like the patience that this move shows. Black is tied up and will have some trouble completing development. White had some other moves to consider such as 11.dc. I rejected this move because it could possibly free Black's game by permitting a subsequent e7-e6 development. Still, Brian Smith has shown that this move can lead to fascinating complications. Here is one such 'fantasy line': 11.dc bc 12.Nb5 Rc8 13.O-O e6 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Rd8 16.Qxc6+ Kf8 17.Be3 Qxb2 18.Bc5+ Kg8 19.Qxe6! Rd7 20.Be7 h6 21.Qxf7+ Kh7 22.Bxf6 and White wins. Very cute! However, Brian supplies some more deep analysis (such as 19. ... h6 in the above line) which shows Black having real survival chances after 11.dc. All in all, 11.O-O may be the most logical move.

11. ... Rd8?!

Here is a move worthy of some criticism. Black is fighting an uphill battle, but he HAS to do something about his king. For better or worse, 11. ... O-O-O offers better chances here.

12.Qe2 a5 13.dc bc 14.b5 e6?! 15.Bxe6 Be7 16.Bb3 cb

Black is already lost.

17.Qxb5+ Nd7 18.Bf4 Qxb2

Taking the rook on f1 was better, but Black is still busted.

19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qxb2 Rhf8 21.Qb5 Kg8 22.Bc7 resigns

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1997 U.S. Masters *by Bill Melvin*

Three chess players from Alabama attended the 1997 U.S. Masters in Chicago, Illinois: Andy Reeder, Daniel Thomas, and myself. This was an exciting tournament and we were able to watch some of the best chess players in the world. While none of us achieved a 50% score, Daniel Thomas managed to salvage a respectable result. He lost three in a row, then won three in a row, and ended with a 6 1/2 hour queen and pawn endgame loss. Here is his fifth round game against the new USCF Executive Director.

1997 U.S. Masters
Round 5,Board 55; 40/2, SD/30
March 8, 1997
Center Game (C22)

Mike Cavallo (2200) **Daniel Thomas (2065)**

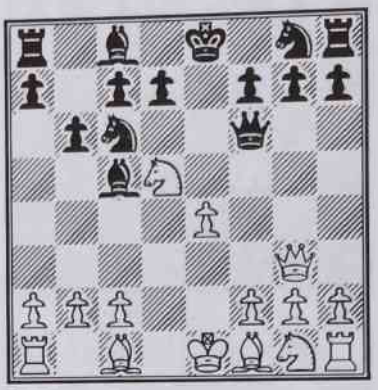
1.e4 e5 2.d4 ed 3.Qd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 b6?!

This is actually an interesting idea. Black intends to chase the White queen around further. Still, straightforward development seems to hold up well against the Center Game.

5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Qg3 Qf6??!

This has got to be the worst move played by anyone from Alabama in this tournament! Daniel's analysis was very crisp this tourney, but this is a severe lapse where he couldn't have performed any serious analysis at all. White's move is obvious and wins on the spot.

7.Nd5



Position after 7.Nd5

I'm sure Daniel felt pretty uncomfortable right around here. He is losing the rook on a8 by force with no apparent compensation. Many masters (myself included) would consider immediate resignation. This game is a tribute to Daniel's fighting spirit.

7. ... Qd4 8.Nxc7+ Kf8 9.Nxa8 Qxe4+

White's win is only a matter of consolitation. Daniel is fortunate to have some initiative for the rook!

10.Be3 Nb4 11.Bd3?

Daniel was concerned about 11.Qc7! here which does appear to win for White. An example line is 11. ... Nxc2+ 12.Kd2 Bb4+ 13.Kc1 and Black is out of checks and about to drop everything. This appears to be White's last (and only!) clear win in this game.

11. ... Nxd3+ 12.cd Bb4+ 13.Ke2 Ba6

Black's position is alive!

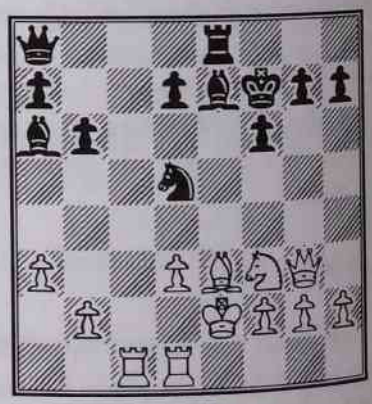
14.Rd1 Qxa8

Black has a perfectly playable position now! An Exchange is a minor investment for such overpowering bishops.

15.Nf3 Nf6 16.Qf4?

An inaccuracy allowing for the development of the Black knight to d5 (Thomas).

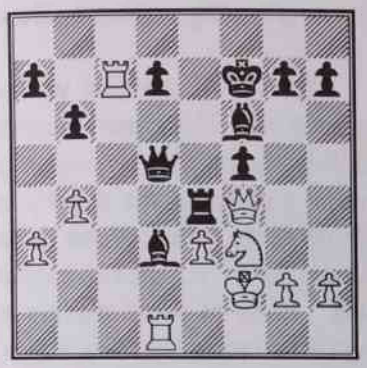
16. ... Nd5 17.Qg3 f6 18.a3 Be7 19.Rc1 Kf7 20.Rhd1 Re8



Position after 20. ... Re8

Chess is a game about finding good squares for all of your pieces. Notice that White's rooks aren't really DOING anything at all here. White may already be lost.

21.b4 f5 22.Kf1 Nxe3+ 23.fe Bf6 24.Kf2 Qd5 25.Rc7 Bxd3 26.Qf4 Re4



*Position after 26. ... **Re4***

Look at that Black piece coordination! White's only threat in the whole game has been the captere of the a8 rook!

27.Ng5+ Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Rg4 29.Qh5+ Kf6 30.g3 Qa2+ 31.Kg1 Qe2 32.Rxd3 Qxd3 33.Qe8 Re4! 34.Qd8+ Kg6 35.Rc6+ Kh5 36.h4 Qxe3+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Re2+ 40.resigns

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Here is the most spectacular game of the tournament. Grandmaster Leonid Yudasin from Israel is one of the strongest players in the world. Emory Tate is one of the best attackers in the country. When these two met, we knew there would be fireworks. But, we had no idea it would be the 4th of July! At the crucial point, seemingly half the players in the tournament were standing on chairs to get a glimpse of this mega-brilliancy.

1997 U.S. Masters
Round 5,Board 7; 40/2, SD/30
March 8, 1997
Sicilian Def. - Sozin Attack (B86)

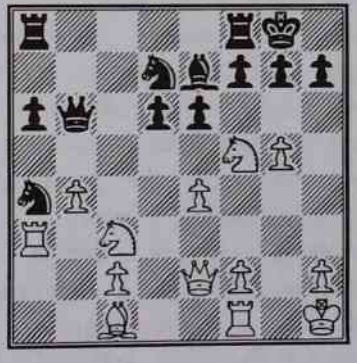
Emory Tate	**Leonid Yudsin**
(2472)	**(2671)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Nc5 9.g4 b5

This move is not in ECO. GM Yudasin is far above 1984 theory and you can bet that he is still in familiar territory.

10.g5 Nfd7 11.Bd5!

I won't bother you with my own interpretations of these beautiful moves. Suffice it to say that 11. ... ed 12.ed+



*Position after **19.Nf5***

Be7 gets embarrassed by 13.Nc6. The variations for this game could fill up a lengthy book.

11. ... Bb7 12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.a4 ba 14.Ra4 Nbc5 15.Ra3 Qb6 16.O-O Be7 17.Kh1 O-O 18.b4 Na4 19.Nf5

Good gracious! What is going on here? At one pont during the most exciting post-mortem I've ever witnessed, Emory Tate exclaimed "I dedicate this game to Mikhail Tal!" You had to be there. Tal would be proud!

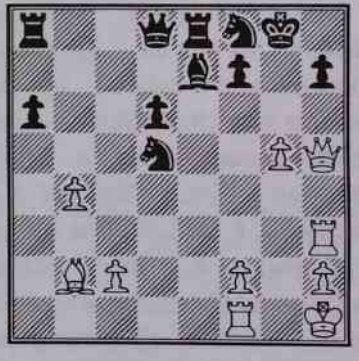
19. ... ef 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.ef

Tate doesn't even consider capturing the knight on a4.

21. ... Re8 22.Qh5 Nab6 23.Rh3 Nf8

Someone once said that it was impossible to get mated with a knight on king's bishop's 1. Er, I think it's time to revise this!

24.f6! Nxd5 25.fg Kg7 26.Bb2+ Kg8



*Position after 26. ... **Kg8***

27.g6!!

Lights out! This is what Yudasin missed and it is quickly decisive.

27. ... Bf6 28.gf+ Kh8 29.Rg1 Re1 30.Rxe1 Bxb2 31.Re8 Nf6 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Qh6 Ne4 34.Qh4 Nf6 35.Rg3 N8d7 36.Qh6 resigns

Holy Spirit Scholastic Chess Tournament *by Bill Melvin*

Picture a Little League game (with accompanying parents) where 54 kids play at the same time and it lasts for 7 hours. This is a scholastic chess tournament! One such event was held January 18, 1997 at Holy Spirit School in Huntsville, Alabama. Amid the chaos were stories of success, what-might-have-been, and just plain fun.

This is one chess tournament I will never forget. It seems that one of the participants was my son, kindergartener Miles Melvin. Miles turned six years old less than a week earlier and this was to be his first ever tournament. He picked the chess tournament over a basketball game that was scheduled for the day. I was both anxious and excited by his decision. He lost the first game which lasted quite a while. Although I didn't dare get near his games, I am told that he lost his queen, won it back, and his king was in check for about five moves. The second game didn't last long at all. He apparently lost his queen right away. I was starting to get concerned about his morale when I heard him talking about the Toronto Maple Leafs (hockey is his sports passion this month). I knew that everything was okay then. He won a hard fought third round game and was elated. The fourth game was his quickest yet as he lost in about two minutes. Always the good sport, he only asked for the time of the next round. In the fifth round, he received a bye. He seemed to have fun overall, although he was quite tired.

As soon as you think you have seen everything, you see something entirely new at a scholastic tournament. I noticed two players arguing at the start of one round. When I asked about the problem I was told by one of the players that his opponent was writing instead of playing chess. I calmly told him that his opponent is allowed to write down the moves of the game. He answered "Oh" and they continued peacefully.

One of the more charming participants in the K - 3 Section reached a position of bishop, knight and two pawns versus pawn. Lots of winning methods come to mind such as queening a pawn, capturing the opponent's only remaining pawn, etc. However, frustrated by her lack of progress in trying to checkmate with just a bishop and knight (without the king helping), she promptly resigned! Shocked, her opponent did not understand and promptly sat her king back up after she tilted it. She was persistent, though, and laid her king down again. Never give up!

I was most impressed in the second round in the K - 3 Section. A draw by repetition claim was made in the game between the eventual winners of the section. Incredibly, both players were keeping score and the claim was valid. Many adults do not know how to properly claim this draw.

The K - 12 Section was won by Sebastian Delorenz. Sebastian is a 6th grader who elected to play up and registered the event's only perfect score. Alex Welsh finished second and B.J. Ross captured third. Each of these players only lost to Sebastian and finished with 4 points. Fourth place went to Michael Tang while Gary Williams captured fifth place each with 3.5 points. Top unrated was Gary Williams with 3 points who narrowly edged out Michael Levison on tiebreak.

Holy Spirit School captured the top team honors in the K - 12 Section with 12.5 team points. Third place team was Scholar Mates with 7 points who edged out the GHS Bears on tiebreak.

The K - 6 Section was won convincingly by Ethan Balch with 4.5 points. Ethan is no stranger to winning scholastic tournaments and has finished in the lead several times. Brennan Young finished second while William Lucas captured third place. Each of these players finished with 3.5 points and lost only to Ethan. Fourth place was captured by Shawn Wilson while John Gibbon finished fifth , each with 3 points. Top unrated was Christiana Charles who finished with 2.5 points.

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Holy Spirit Scholastic Crosstables

Holy Spirit Scholastic
18 January 1997
K-12

	Player & prerating	R01 R02 R03 R04 R05	pts
1	Sebastian DeLorenz 1089	W20 W08 W02 W03 W06	5.0
2	William J Ross 0993	W16 W10 L01 W09 W12	4.0
3	Alex Welsh 0894	W18 W06 W04 L01 W07	4.0
4	Michael Tang 1043	B W15 L03 W16 D05	3.5
5	Gary Randall William 0919	L12 W23 W20 W13 D04	3.5
6	Michael A Szilagyi 1093	W11 L03 W10 W12 L01	3.0
7	Yoshihiro Saka 0993	W21 W09 L12 W11 L03	3.0
8	April Newton 0761	W23 L01 L16 W20 W19	3.0
9	Peter M Summer 0731	W13 L07 W17 L02 W16	3.0
10	Max A Early-Sorrells 0637	W17 L02 L06 W18 W14	3.0
11	Adam C Stranahan 0613	L06 W18 W14 L07 W15	3.0
12	Darrell Cox UNR	W05 W14 W07 L06 L02	3.0
13	Michael Levison UNR	L09 W21 W15 L05 W20	3.0
14	Warren T Robbins 0925	W22 L12 L11 W21 L10	2.0
15	Toni Renea Williams 0757	W19 L04 L13 W17 L11	2.0
16	Devin Carlen UNR	L02 W19 W08 L04 L09	2.0
17	Brian Bates UNR	L10 W22 L09 L15 W21	2.0
18	William J Barr UNR	L03 L11 W22 L10 W23	2.0
19	Robert Jones UNR	L15 L16 B W22 L08	2.0
20	Paul E Shine 0596	L01 B L05 L08 L13	1.0
21	Joey Morey UNR	L07 L13 W23 L14 L17	1.0
22	Hillis Brown UNR	L14 L17 L18 L19 B	1.0
23	Angel Ruiz UNR	L08 L05 L21 B L18	1.0
24	David M Pope 0961	F F F F F	0.0

Holy Spirit Scholastic
18 January 1997
K-6

	Player & prerating	R01 R02 R03 R04 R05	pts
1	Ethan A Balch 1036	D03 W07 W05 W02 W06	4.5
2	Brennan G Young 0971	W09 D05 W06 L01 W03	3.5
3	William Lucas UNR	D01 W10 W09 W04 L02	3.5
4	John E Gipson 0917	W12 L06 W10 L03 W09	3.0
5	Sean A Wilson 0807	W11 D02 L01 D06 W10	3.0
6	Kendra King 0745	W08 W04 L02 D05 L01	2.5
7	Christina Charles UNR	L10 L01 W08 D11 W12	2.5
8	Ben Jedlovec UNR	L06 W12 L07 L09 W11	2.0
9	Albert Want UNR	L02 W11 L03 W08 L04	2.0
10	Angelina Antonison UNR	W07 L03 L04 W12 L05	2.0
11	Matthew McDonald UNR	L05 L09 W12 D07 L08	1.5
12	Dan Kelly UNR	L04 L08 L11 L10 L07	0.0
13	nobody UNR	F F F F F	0.0

Holy Spirit Scholastic
18 January 1997
K-3

	Player & prerating	R01 R02 R03 R04 R05	pts
1	Mason Williams 0810	W08 D02 W16 W03 W10	4.5
2	Joseph R Chaffee 0658	W07 D01 W13 W04 W05	4.5
3	Peter S Petroff 0766	W15 W10 W05 L01 W09	4.0
4	John Stanley Watts 0913	L16 W18 W08 L02 W15	3.0
5	Nathanael Chandler 0753	W17 W11 L03 W16 L02	3.0
6	Peter Sloan 0532	L18 L13 B W17 W16	3.0
7	Gregory Smith UNR	L02 W15 W11 L09 W17	3.0
8	Juanluis Rodriguez UNR	L01 W12 L04 W14 W11	3.0
9	Jacklyn E Nagle 0721	W13 L16 D18 W07 L03	2.5
10	Brandon Newton 0502	W19 L03 D17 W18 L01	2.5
11	Elizabeth Nagle 0413	W12 L05 L07 W13 L08	2.0
12	Miles Melvin UNR	L11 L08 W19 L15 B	2.0
13	Miles Babin UNR	L09 W06 L02 L11 W18	2.0
14	Christopher Kirchner UNR	H H L15 L08 W19	2.0
15	Alex Longo UNR	L03 L07 W14 W12 L04	2.0
16	Warren Vaughn UNR	W04 W09 L01 L05 L06	2.0
17	Oliver McDonald UNR	L05 W19 D10 L06 L07	1.5
18	Cory McKee UNR	W06 L04 D09 L10 L13	1.5
19	Maggie Meehan UNR	L10 L17 L12 B L14	1.0

Hoover Scholastic Results *by Vasha Rosenblum*

Saturday, 8 February 1997, one hundred fifty-one (that's one more than last year!) chess players arrived at South Shades Crest Elementary School with accompanying parents, friends, coaches, and relatives for the second Hoover Scholastic Chess Tournament. New this year was the Junior High Section for players in grades 7-9. This addition was well received with 21 participants contending for one of the top ten trophies as well as the team prize. The Open Section had 13 players, Elementary 64, and Primary 53 players.

The ten clear winners (no tie breaks necessary) in the Open Section included three new unrated players, David Self from John Carroll and John Chappell with Jack McClellen from Cullman. The team trophy went home to Cullman.

10th Place Yoshihiro Saka	**Guntersville**
9th Place Jack McClellan	**Cullman**
8th Place John Chappell	**Cullman**
7th Place Daniel H. Weiss	**Indian Springs**
6th Place David Self	**John Carroll**
5th Place Joshua Cowart	**Hoover High**
4th Place Satya Shreenivas	**Vestavia**
3rd Place David Montgomery	**John Carroll**
2nd Place Jacob B. Weiss	**Indian Springs**
1st Place Scott A. Miller	**Birmingham**

Roy T. Martin took top honors in the Junior High Section with a perfect 5.0. However, it was necessary to resort to iebreaks to determine the tenth place winner from among Ari Friedman, Toni R. Williams, Caleb McPherson, Allison McInnis, and Andy Barenbak. Vestavia and Mountain Brook tied for the team trophy, with Mountain Brook winning on tiebreaks.

10th Place Andy Barenbak	**Brookhaven**
9th Place Gary Williams	**Osiris**
8th Place Alex Welsh	**Guntersville**
7th Place Parakash Pratibhu	**Vestavia**
6th Place Warren Robbins	**Scholar Mates**
5th Place David Sloan	**Mountain Brook**
4th Place Vaibhav Vohra	**Vestavia**
3rd Place Taylor Curtis	**Mountain Brook**
2nd Place Shikhar Vohra	**Vestavia**
1st Place Roy T. Martin	**Advent**

Sports tryouts and games took a backseat for the 64 girls and boys entered in the Elementary Section. Results at the end of round 5 clearly revealed the top ten players with Jordan Jones turning in a perfect score of 5.0. Recipients of the team trophy were not so clear. The two-way tie between Advent and South Shades Crest had to be decided on tie breaks. Advent came out the winner by one point.

10th Place Kaitlin Kirk	**Morningview**
9th Place Travis Briles	**Advent**
8th Place John Bryant	**Randolph**
7th Place Forrest Pearce	**Advent**
6th Place William Lucas	**Whitsburg**
5th Place Lewis Lehe	**Advent**
4th Place Ethan Balch	**Randolph**
3rd Place Kendra King	**Osiris**
2nd Place David Hall	**Advent**
1st Place Jordan Jones	**S. Shades Crest**

Peter Petroff in the Primary Section took first place, winning every game he played. Five players tied for tenth, including Hunter Coggins, Adam Cohen, Brandon Campbell, Nathanael Chandler, and Chris Yancey. Holy Spirit, Advent, and South Shades Crest tied for the team trophy, with South Shades Crest winning out on tie breaks.

10th Place Chris Yancey	**S. Shades Crest**
9th Place Greg Espenan	**S. Shades Crest**
8th Place David McConnell	**S. Shades Crest**
7th Place Mason Williams	**S. Shades Crest**
6th Place Joseph R. Chaffee	**Holy Spirit**
5th Place Daniel Drake	**S. Shades Crest**
4th Place Kelly Stewart	**Advent**
3rd Place Nathan Hall	**Advent**
2nd Place John Killian, Jr.	**Advent**
1st Place Peter S. Petroff	**Holy Spirit**

Kenneth Sloan, Tournament Director, was assisted by Wallace Fard and Dale Robbins. Also assisting were Phil King and Tom Young. The tournament was organized by Vasha Rosenblum of South Shades Crest School with the support of many parents and students.

Hoover Scholastic Crosstables

Hoover Scholastic
8 February 1997

Open

	Player & prerating	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	pts
1	Scott Alan Miller 1497	W05	D03	W08	W02	W07	4.5
2	Jacob B Weiss 1288	W13	W04	W07	L01	W05	4.0
3	David Montgomery1044	W10	D01	W04	D07	L06	3.0
4	Joshua A Cowart 1025	W12	L02	L03	W13	W10	3.0
5	Satya S Shreenivas 0968	L01	B	W11	W08	L02	3.0
6	David Self UNR 1037	W09	L10	W11	W03		3.0
7	Daniel H Weiss 1199	W06	W11	L02	D03	L01	2.5
8	Yoshihiro Saka 0993	D09	W13	L01	L05	W12	2.5
9	Jack McClellan UNR	D08	L06	W12	L10	B	2.5
10	John Chappell UNR	L03	D12	W06	W09	L04	2.5
11	Albert Lassiter 0593	B	L07	L05	L06	W13	2.0
12	Brent Burns UNR	L04	D10	L09	B	L08	1.5
13	Scotty Crowe UNR	L02	L08	B	L04	L11	1.0

Junior High

	Player & prerating	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	pts
1	Roy Martin 1168	W19	W07	W05	W03	W06	5.0
2	Shikhar Vohra 1032	W14	W18	L03	W09	W05	4.0
3	Taylor A Curtis 1236	W23	W09	W02	L01	D04	3.5
4	Vaibhav Vohra 0949	B	L05	W08	W16	D03	3.5
5	David Sloan 1296	W12	W04	L01	W07	L02	3.0
6	Parakash Pratibhu 1120	L07	W20	W13	W11	L01	3.0
7	Warren Robbins 0925	W06	L01	W12	L05	W16	3.0
8	Gary R Williams 0919	W16	L13	L04	W15	W10	3.0
9	Alex Welsh 0894	W20	L03	W14	L02	W15	3.0
10	Toni R. Williams 0957	D15	L11	W23	W17	L08	2.5
11	Andy J. Berenbok 0928	D13	W10	D15	L06	D12	2.5
12	Allison McInnis 0490	L05	B	L07	W18	D11	2.5
13	Ari Friedman UNR	D11	W08	L06	H	H	2.5
14	Caleb McPherson UNR	L02	W17	L09	W19	D18	2.5
15	Miles T Foshee 0573	D10	W19	D11	L08	L09	2.0
16	Daniel Grogan UNR	L08	W23	W18	L04	L07	2.0
17	Robert Jones UNR	L18	L14	W20	L10	W23	2.0
18	Willie J Barr 0846	W17	L02	L16	L12	D14	1.5
19	Tom Staner UNR	L01	L15	H	L14	W20	1.5
20	Michelle Craig UNR	L09	L06	L17	W23	L19	1.0
23	Reginald Jackson UNR	L03	L16	L10	L20	L17	0.0

Elementary

	Player & prerating	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	pts
1	Jordan Jones 1127	W40	W25	W18	W12	W03	5.0
2	David Hall 0782	W62	D14	W29	W13	W05	4.5
3	Ethan A Balch 1036	W38	W37	W06	W19	L01	4.0
4	John Bryant 1021	L39	W63	W14	W26	W22	4.0
5	Lewis Lehe 0971	W57	W55	W08	W09	L02	4.0
6	Forrest Pearce 0896	W48	W36	L03	W42	W27	4.0
7	Travis Briles 0853	W47	L35	W40	W31	W29	4.0
8	Kaitlin A Kirk 0842	W52	W61	L05	W45	W17	4.0
9	Kendra King 0787	W53	W10	W16	L05	W18	4.0
10	William Lucas UNR	W23	L09	W33	W21	W19	4.0
11	Sam Thompson 0951	W50	W39	L13	D36	W28	3.5
12	Brennan Young 0944	W43	W31	W35	L01	D13	3.5
13	Jeremy Reed 0791	W64	W30	W11	L02	D12	3.5
14	Tom Burwell UNR	W28	D02	L04	W52	W36	3.5
15	Michael Dupre 1044	W56	W26	L19	L27	W39	3.0
16	Anthony Michel 0980	W63	W27	L09	L28	W47	3.0
17	Chad Bickerton 0920	L31	W43	W55	W37	L08	3.0
18	John E Gipson 0917	W51	W42	L01	W39	L09	3.0
19	Nathaniel Dermody 0899	W46	W44	W15	L03	L10	3.0
20	Joseph C Kervin 0818	L35	W46	L31	W57	B	3.0
21	Sean A Wilson 0807	W41	L29	W56	L10	W45	3.0
22	Brian Turner 0795	L44	W59	W57	W35	L04	3.0
23	Tim Beenken 0781	L10	W64	W47	L29	W40	3.0
24	David King 0743	L27	W48	L42	W61	W41	3.0
25	Bryan Enfinger 0729	W65	L01	L36	W62	W42	3.0
26	Brian Jablonsky 0720	W34	L15	W44	L04	W57	3.0
27	Wm Walker Allen 0676	W24	L16	W30	W15	L06	3.0
28	William Drake 0650	L14	W41	W32	W16	L11	3.0
29	Al Tanju UNR	W54	W21	L02	W23	L07	3.0
30	Paul Dupre UNR	W33	L13	L27	W56	W51	3.0
31	Eric Lewis UNR	W17	L12	W20	L07	W37	3.0
32	Bryan Jordan 0822	L36	W50	L28	D48	W52	2.5
33	Ashley Mitchell 0695	L30	W34	L10	W46	D35	2.5
34	Kyle Fritz UNR	L26	L33	D51	W63	W50	2.5
35	Julian Pline UNR	W20	W07	L12	L22	D33	2.5
36	Michael Friedman UNR	W32	L06	W25	D11	L14	2.5
37	Wayne Jarrell Lee 0720	W45	L03	W61	L17	L31	2.0
38	Cory Kollmeyer 0628	L03	L45	L48	W60	W62	2.0
39	Hunter Stevens 0609	W04	L11	W49	L18	L15	2.0
40	Jason Turner 0593	L01	W62	L07	W44	L23	2.0
41	Zach Stinnett 0581	L21	L28	W54	W49	L24	2.0
42	Tyler Lester 0545	W59	L18	W24	L06	L25	2.0
43	Patrick Gilbert 0435	L12	L17	L62	W54	W61	2.0

44	Will Granger UNR W22 L19 L26 L40 W55	2.0
45	Nathan Campbell UNR L37 W38 W53 L08 L21	2.0
46	Ben Jedlovec UNR L19 L20 W60 L33 W56	2.0
47	Andrew Kirchner UNR L07 W54 L23 W55 L16	2.0
48	Jonathan Saliba UNR L06 L24 W38 D32 D49	2.0
49	Benjamin Sibley 0795 L61 W51 L39 L41 D48	1.5
50	Nikita Williams 0362 L11 L32 D65 W64 L34	1.5
51	Will Hodges UNR L18 L49 D34 W53 L30	1.5
52	Patrick Beard UNR L08 D53 W59 L14 L32	1.5
53	Christina Charles UNR L09 D52 L45 L51 W63	1.5
54	E T Brown 0762 L29 L47 L41 L43 B	1.0
55	Josh Crichton 0661 W60 L05 L17 L47 L44	1.0
56	Amanda Gamel 0639 L15 W65 L21 L30 L46	1.0
57	Justin Camp 0600 L05 W60 L22 L20 L26	1.0
59	Steven Cherry UNR L42 L22 L52 B F	1.0
60	Will Cutchen UNR L55 L57 L46 L38 W64	1.0
61	Cale Coggins UNR W49 L08 L37 L24 L43	1.0
62	Cole Palmby UNR L02 L40 W43 L25 L38	1.0
63	Jessica Kennamer 0511 L16 L04 D64 L34 L53	0.5
64	Jacquese Evans UNR L13 L23 D63 L50 L60	0.5
65	Thomas K Reynolds UNR L25 L56 D50 F F	0.5

Primary

Player & prerating	**R01 R02 R03 R04 R05**	**pts**
1	Peter S Petroff 0766 W23 W34 W10 W03 W05	5.0
2	John T Killian 0888 W43 W32 D24 W26 W07	4.5
3	Nathan Hall 0919 W39 W09 W14 L01 W19	4.0
4	Mason Williams 0810 B W19 L06 W24 W21	4.0
5	Kelly Stewart 0806 W46 W22 W17 W06 L01	4.0
6	Joseph R Chaffee 0658 W13 W37 W04 L05 W23	4.0
7	Daniel Drake UNR W16 W25 W08 W12 L02	4.0
8	Nathan. Chandler0753 W35 D12 L07 W42 W30	3.5
9	Chris. Yancey 0518 W41 L03 W20 D14 W27	3.5
10	David McConnell 0515 W11 W15 L01 W22 D13	3.5
11	Hunter Coggins UNR L10 D45 W53 W28 W36	3.5
12	Adam Cohen UNR W48 D08 W44 L07 W26	3.5
13	Brandon CampbellUNR L06 W31 W32 W17 D10	3.5
14	Greg Espenan UNR W40 W18 L03 D09 W24	3.5
15	John Stanley Watts 0913 W36 L10 L23 W39 W34	3.0
16	Matthew Michel 0741 L07 W38 W49 L23 W37	3.0
17	Jeremy Freeman 0633 W42 W21 L05 L13 W38	3.0
18	David Silvester 0585 W51 L14 L22 W46 W33	3.0
19	Elizabeth Nagle 0413 W52 L04 W47 W37 L03	3.0
20	Chip Self UNR L22 W46 L09 W40 W32	3.0
21	Juanluis Rodriquez 0866 W50 L17 W29 W44 L04	3.0
22	Andrew Chandler UNR W20 L05 W18 L10 W44	3.0
23	John-Tyler Spann UNR L01 W51 W15 W16 L06	3.0
24	Jacklyn E Nagle 0721 W45 W47 D02 L04 L14	2.5
25	Trey Kennedy 0627 W29 L07 H L27 W45	2.5
26	Hunter Benton 0574 D38 W50 W28 L02 L12	2.5
27	James Tarbox UNR L44 D30 W52 W25 L09	2.5
28	Philip Ducharme UNR W30 D44 L26 L11 W42	2.5
29	Montgomery Brown UNRL25 D40 L21 W53 W43	2.5
30	Chris. Kirchner UNR L28 D27 W45 W43 L08	2.5
31	Peter Sloan 0532 L47 L13 B L36 W46	2.0
32	Brandon Newton 0468 W49 L02 L13 W47 L20	2.0
33	Mark Wadley 0442 L37 B D42 D38 L18	2.0
34	Elizabeth Scott 0352 W53 L01 L37 W49 L15	2.0
35	Advait Sane UNR L08 F L39 W52 W50	2.0
36	Sarah Boyd UNR L15 L42 W51 W31 L11	2.0
37	Austin Monceret UNR W33 L06 W34 L19 L16	2.0
38	Steven Weaver UNR D26 L16 W40 D33 L17	2.0
39	Alex Longo UNR L03 L49 W35 L15 W47	2.0
40	Evan C Miller 0645 L14 D29 L38 L20 W52	1.5
41	Andrew Lehe UNR L09 D53 L43 L45 W49	1.5
42	Ovik Banerjee UNR L17 W36 D33 L08 L28	1.5
43	Travis Tarbox UNR L02 D52 W41 L30 L29	1.5
44	Gregory Smith UNR W27 D28 L12 L21 L22	1.5
45	David Harris UNR L24 D11 L30 W41 L25	1.5
46	Eileen Larkin UNR L05 L20 W50 L18 L31	1.0
47	Danny Larkin UNR W31 L24 L19 L32 L39	1.0
48	Wheat Hotchkiss UNR L12 B F F F	1.0
49	Adam Burt UNR L32 W39 L16 L34 L41	1.0
50	Brittany Melton UNR L21 L26 L46 W51 L35	1.0
51	Cory Moore UNR L18 L23 L36 L50 W53	1.0
52	Christophe Classe UNR L19 D43 L27 L35 L40	0.5
53	Sarah Callins UNR L34 D41 L11 L29 L51	0.5

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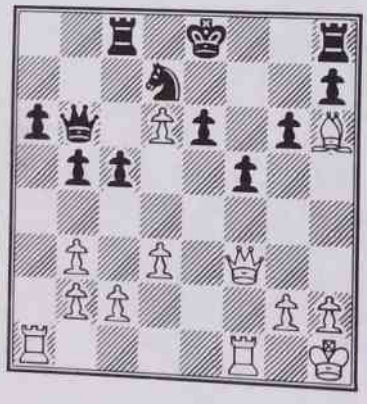


*Position after **20. ... f5***

21.Qf4 e5 22.Ra1e1 Qxd6 23.Bg7 Kf7 24.Bxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5

Black looks like he has sorted out his problems, but his queen is threatened by the discovery Rxf5+. I thought he would play ...Qf6. Then I planned to double rooks by Rf1e1 and threaten to invade the position at e7. I think Black can defend this position, however. Short on time. Black played a blunder.

25. ...Rhe8?? 26.Rxf5+ gf 27.Qxf6 Kg7 28.h3

Getting some luft.

28. ... Rf8

Here I considered 29.Rxf5 Rxf5 30.Qd7+, regaining the rook and heading for an endgame. However, I saw that Black had a poor king position and decided to go for the knockout.

29.Re1 Rce8

To prevent 30.Re7+ K any 31.Qe5.

30.Qd7+ resigns.

Superbowl Scholastic *by Caesar Lawrence*

SUPERBOWL SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT
25 JAN 1997 HIGHLANDGARDENS ELEMENTARY
Montgomery, AL

5SS, G/25, TD: Caesar Lawrence and Lamar Daniel

The Maxwell-Gunter/Montgomery Chess Club (MGMCC) held a Super Bowl Scholastic this year. The purpose of this event was to introduce and promote the game of Chess to school grade children in the metro Montgomery area. However, the tournament was open to all school grade kids and drew 37 players with some coming from the Jackson, MS and Columbus, GA areas.

Caesar Lawrence and Lamar Daniel directed this event. They were assisted by Dale Robbins, Ken Sloan, Mike LeBlanc, Andrew Whatley and Lamar Causey. Financial sponsors were Caesar and Mary Lawrence. Thanks to Sam Whatley for coordinating the site and fostering scholastic chess in Montgomery. I want to give recognition and thanks to Highland Gardens Elementary (Connie Mizell, Wes Little, the PTA staff and Danny) for making this happen. Thanks to all of the Parents, Teachers, Chess Coaches and the Children that played in the tournament for making this event a big SUCCESS!

Here are the winners of the Super Bowl Scholastic (QC)-G/25 Chess tournament. Andrew Whatley won the High School section with a perfect score of 5! Amile G. C. Wilson won the Elementary section with a score of 4.5 and Peter Sloan won the Primary section with a score of 2. This scholastic drew 37 enthusiastic players.

SUPER BOWL SCHOLASTIC

HIGH SCHOOL (7-12TH GRADE)

	NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN	SCORE
1st:	Andrew Whatley	10th	Lanier HS	Mont.gomery	5
2nd:	Thomas Elmes	8th	Clark MS	Mobile	4
3rd:	Warren Robbins	7th	Clay-Chalkville	Trusville	4
4th:	Shafer Gaston	8th	Clark MS	Mobile	3
	Ray Coleman	7th	CCEC	Cusseta, GA	3
	Daniel Friedline	8th	Clark MS	Mobile	3
	Kasey Gildersleeve	8th	Clark MS	Mobile	3

ELEMENTARY (4-6TH GRADE)

	NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN	SCORE
1st:	Amile Wilson	6th	Chastain MS	Jackson, MS	4.5
2nd:	Kaitlin Kirk	4th	Morningview	Montgomery	4
3rd:	Ben Xiang	6th	Rosa Scott MS	Ridgland, MS	4
4th:	Derek Huang	6th	Magnolia MS	Meridian, MS	3.5

PRIMARY (K-3RD GRADE)

	NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN	SCORE
1st:	Peter Sloan	3rd	Crestline	Mtn Brook	2
2nd:	Philip Causey	1st	Ridgecrest	Phenix City	0.5

January Mont./Maxwell/Gunter G/29 Tmt.
by Caesar Lawrence

Here are the results of the MGMCC JAN (QC)-G/29 tournament. Andrew Whatley won the tournament with a perfect score of 5! This event drew 18 players.

1ST PLACE:	Andrew Whatley,	1923,	5
2ND PLACE:	Constantine Anaiadis,	1466,	4
TOP CLASS A:	Thomas Lawry,	1919,	3
TOP CLASS B:	Caesar Lawrence,	1731,	3
TOP CLASS C:	James Richardson,	1476,	3
TOP U1400/UNR:	John Morcos,	1194,	3

Six Games by Kaitlin Kirk *submitted by John Kirk*

Caesar Lawrence suggested that I send several of my daughter Kaitlin's recent games to *Alabama Chess Antics*. She and I chose the following six games as interesting subjects. Of course these games are far from error-free, but despite the inconsistencies, it is inspiring to see young minds putting together ideas, tactics, combinations and strategies. Kaitlin is an aggressive player and approaches the game with her "fangs out". She loves nothing better than attacking a castled king!

-John Kirk-

Scholastic Tournament at State Championship
August 31, 1996

Kaitlin Kirk	Brennan Young
4th grade	4th grade
813	1016

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a3 O-O 6.Bg5 d6 7.Nd5 Bg4 8.f3 h6 9.Nxf6+ gf 10.Bxh6 Re8 11.fg Kh7 12.g5 fg 13.Qh5 Qf6 14.Bxg5+ Kg7 15.Bxf6+ Kxf6 16.Qxf7+ Kg5 17.Nf3+ Kg4 18.Qf5++

Back-2-School Scholastic
October 12, 1996

Will Brown	Kaitlin Kirk
9th grade	4th grade
unrated	818

1.Nf3 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 Bf5 4.e4 de 5.Ne5 e6 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Nxc6 Nxc6 8.O-O Bb4 9.Bd2 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Ba5 12.Re1 Qd6 13.f3 ef 14.gf Nxd4 15.Be3 Bc7 16.Bxd4 Qxh2+ 17.Kf1 Bh3++

Back-2-School Scholastic
October 12, 1996

Katlin Kirk	Anthony Perrine
4th grade	7th grade
818	1155

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 g6 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.O-O O-O 7.Bg5 d6 8.Nd5 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qd7 11.Bxf6 Nd4 12.Qe3 Nxc2 13.Qf3 Nxa1 14.Bxg7 Nc2 15.Nf6+ Kxg7 16.Nxd7 Nd4 17.Qf6+ Kg8 18.Nxf8 Rxf8 19.Re1 Ne6 20.Re3 Nd4 21.g4 c6 22.h4 b5 23.h5 gh 24.gh h6 25.Rg3+ Kh7 26.Qg7++

Superbowl Scholastic
January 25, 1997

Katlin Kirk	Ben Xiang
4th grade	6th grade
1004 QC	889 QC

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 O-O 5.Bg5 h6 6.h4 d6 7.Nd5 Nc6 8.Nxf6+ gf 9.Bxh6 Re8 10.Qf3 Nd4 11.Qg3+ Kh7 12.Qg7++

Superbowl Scholastic
January 25, 1997

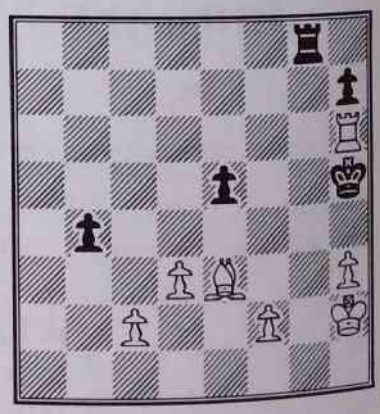
Kaitlin KIrk	Derek Huand
4th grade	6th grade
1004 QC	1153 QC

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.a3 f6 6.b4 Bd4 7.Bb2 Nh6 8.Nf3 Ng4 9.O-O Nxf2 10.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 ed 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.Bxd4 c6 15.Kg1 d5 16.Bb3 Qd6 17.Bc5 Qd7 18.Qe1 b6 19.Bd4 O-O-O 20.a4 f5 21.a5 Qb7 22.ab ab 23.ed cd 24.Qc3+ Qc7 25.Ra8+ Kd7 26.Ba4+ Kd6 27.Be5+ Ke6 28.Nf4+ Ke7 29.Qxc7+ Rd7 30.Qxd7++

Hoover Scholastic
February 8, 1997

Katlin Kirk	Chad Bickerton
4th grade	4th grade
843	922

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.a3 Bxc3 4.bc Nh6 5.d3 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 O-O 9.Bxh6 Qf6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.O-O Ne7 12.Rb1 b6 13.Qd2 Ng6 14.Bg5 Qe6 15.Bh5 f6 16.Be3 Nh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.gh Qxh4 19.Qe2 f5 20.ef Rxf5 21.Rb4 Qxh5 22.Qxh5 Rxh5 23.Rg4 g6 24.Rg5 Rh3 25.Kg2 Rh5 26.Rxh5 gh 27.Rg1 Kf7 28.Kh1 a5 29.Rg5 c5 30.Rxh5 Kg6 31.Rh6+ Kg7 32.Rxd6 Rb8 33.Bh6+ Kf7 34.Rd7+ Kg6 35.Rd6+ Kh5 36.h3 b5 37.Kh2 b4 38.cb ab 39.ab cb 40.Be3 Rg8 41.Rh6++



Final position after 41. ... Rh6++

Alabama's First Chess Master *by Bobby N. Edwards*

The author is a five-time Huntsville Chess Champion and has been a member of the Huntsville Chess Club since 1972. He is currently working on a book "Southern Chess" that will chronicle the history of the Royal Game in the Alabama region.

Mr. Edwards' mailing address is [redacted] *and his E-mail address is* [redacted] *Please get in touch with him if you have information or documentary material (e.g. ,old tournament crosstables) that you think might be helpful as he prepares his manuscript.*

I interviewed Mr. Momic, now age 62, from his Muscle Shoals mobile home where he lives with his wife. He recently had throat surgery and had to have his larynx removed. He can only communicate with pen and paper now.

Milan Momic was born 26 March 1935 in Celje, Slovenia. His mother was Slovenian and his father was Croatian. He learned to play chess at the age of seventeen. He was walking by a restaurant one day and saw some guys playing chess, and watched them through the window. He went back every day after that to watch and soon learned to play. As Momic says, *"No one taught me, I simply watched them and watched their moves until I picked it up"*. That same year he competed in the Zagreb High School Championship, and everybody beat him. He continued to play through the summer. The next year he won the 1953 Zagreb High School Championship. The following year, 1954, he won the Croatian Junior Championship. His next challenge was to compete in the Yugoslavian Junior Championship, but since he was born in March, he was too old and not allowed to play. The time had come to make another big decision!

In 1955, at the age of 20, Momic escaped from the former Yugoslavia and came to the United States. He came to live in Alabama with the help of Grace Episcopal Church in Sheffield in 1961. He continued his chess "experience" as he calls it by winning the 1962 and 1963 Alabama Championships with scores of 7 - 0 and 6 1/2 - 1/2. An even bigger feat was winning the Tennessee Open five times (1964, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974). After that he played tournaments all over the southeast from 1962 to 1975. He played only weekend tournaments as he worked at Reynolds Aluminum in Muscle Shoals. In 1963 he played in the U.S. Open and placed 12th. He did not lose a single game, having 9 draws and 5 wins. He tied for first in the Southern Open in Knoxville in 1969 and won it in 1971 in Birmingham. He seemed to be at the top of his game with a bright future when tragedy struck.

In 1975, due to an accident at work, he was struck in the head with a crane-hook. *"After that I was not able to play at my full capacity, my memory was not as good as before."* That same year he was invited by the U.S.C.F. to play in New York. Some of his opponents were Benko, Lombardy, Robert Byrne, Larry Christiansen, Bent Larsen, and Paul Keres from Estonia. Momic did not play too well because of his accident, and so he gave up chess after that. At age 40 his *"chess experience"* was over.

Epilogue: Momic wishes everyone to know that it was he, and not Pal Benko that first used what is now called the Benko Gambit. He met and played Benko in Atlanta and it was during the next round that Momic used it against a high-rated player. He calls it the Volga Gambit. *"Benko saw me make the first move and said that it was not a good opening; after that he started using it, and everybody called it Benko Gambit! If you are going to call it Banko Gambit, why not Momic Gambit, because he saw me use it first!"*

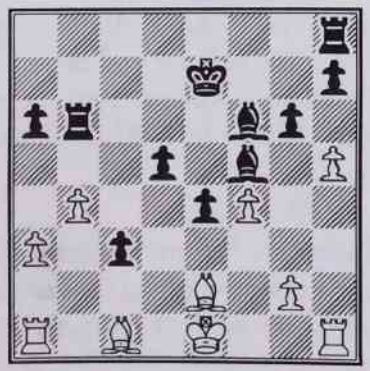
Three Games by Milan Momic *from Bobby Edwards's archives*

1974 Wiregrass Open
Dothan, Alabama
Robert Timmel Milan Momic
Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 ed 4.Nxe4 a6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Nxc6 bc 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nxd5 cd 11.Qg4 g6

Position after 11. ... g6

12.Be2 d6 13.f4 f5 14.ef e.p. Bxf6 15.c3 Rg8 16.Bc1 e5 17.Qf3 e4 18.Qe3 Qb6 19.Qg3 d4 20.h4 Bf5 21.h5 Ke7 22.Qf2 dc 23.Qxb6 Rxb6 24.b4 d5



Position after 24. ... d5

25.g4 Be6 26.hg hg 27.Rxh8 Bxh8 28.a4 c2 29.Ra2 Bc3+ 30.Kf1 Bxb4 31.Rxc2 d4 32.Rc7+ Kd8 33.Ra7 d3 34.Bd1 d2 35.Bb2 Bc4+ 36.Kg2 Bc5 37.Ra8+ Kd7 38.Ra7+ Kc6 39.Be5 Rb1 40.Rc7+ Kb6 41.a5+

Position after 41. ... a5+

41. ... Kxa5 42.Rxc5+ Kb6 43.Rc8 Rxd1 44.Rd8 Bd6 45.Rb8+ Ka5 46.Bf6 Rg8+ 47.resigns

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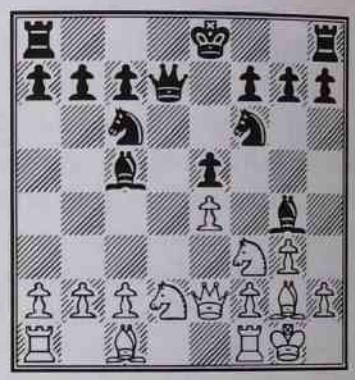
1971 Tennessee Open
Robert Coveyou Milan Momic
Pirc Defense

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.O-O d5 7.Bd3 de 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Nd7 10.c3 O-O 11.Re1 Nf6 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.Bd2 b6 14.Qe2 e6 15.Ne5 c5 16.Bb3 Nd5 17.Bxd5 ed 18.Bf4 Qb7 19.Qd2 cd 20.cd Be6 21.h4 Rae8 22.Re3 f6 23.Nd3 Bf7 24.h5 Rxe3 25.h6 Rxd3 resigns

1968 Tennessee Open
Milan Momic John Hurt
King's Indian Attack

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3 de 5.de e5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Bc5 8.O-O Bg4 9.Qe2 Qd7



Position after 9. ... Qd7

10.Qb5 Bb6 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxe5+ Kf8 13.Qf4 Nh5 14.Qg5 Re8 15.Nc4 Bd4 16.Ne3 Be2 17.Re1 Re5 18.Nf5 f6 19.Qd2 Rxf5 20.ef Bb5 and Black resigns.

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Which chess book do you recommend? *by Bill Melvin*

All strong chess players constantly get asked one recurring question: "Which chess books do you recommend?" Well, sometimes the question is phrased differently. What many people don't realize is that most chess players of Class A strength or above already have a canned response to this question. Well, at least we have our personal list of favorite chess books ready for the asking. Personally, I've read at least 300 chess books over the years, so of course some strong opinions develop during this reading. Remember that more books have supposedly been written on chess than all other games combined. This makes singling out a chess book particularly tough.

I was recently asked this exact question by a stranger at a chess tournament in Nashville, He limited me to just one book. Think about this. You get one book and one book only to recommend. What is it?

Before answering this question, I'll list my standard stock responses to the other chess book questions. For "Which opening book do you recommend?", I always suggest *Batsford Chess Openings 2* (by the way, *Batsford Chess Openings 1* is horrible). This one volume reference contains theory about nearly every opening. The analysis is good, too. Also, it has a few misevaluations. If you've got more money to spend, then you can't live without the *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings*. You need all five volumes. Yes, I know that most of them are outdated. You still need them! Got lots of time and energy? Get a chess database for a computer.

Note that none of these opening recommendations are appropriate for anyone under Class B strength. Why is this? Well, I really don't recommend serious study of the opening until the rest of the game is understood better. That slight advantage you just obtained in the position you don't understand is pretty useless. The study time you spend learning how to achieve this slight advantage won't show dividends until you improve in other areas of your chess development. Just develop your pieces and try not to hang anything! When you reach Class B, get a copy of *Batsford Chess Openings 2* and a couple of monographs on your favorite openings.

The next big question is undoubtedly "Which endgame book do you recommend?". My answer: *Practical Rook Endings* by Edmar Mednis. Yes, I realize that this book can be had for $5.50 in the U.S.C.F. catalog. I know that it is only 71 pages. I also know that it only covers Rook endings. It is still my one volume recommendation! As a Class A player, my endgame technique was shaky at best. I consistently lost winning endgames to players of all strengths. My confidence was low. After reading the excellent Mednis classic, my confidence soared. I finally truly understood rook and pawn endings. I understood Philidor's and Lucena'a position. I knew the importance of an active rook (at all costs). This confidence spilled over into my other endgames. I quickly felt confident in all endings. Believe me, you don't want to face me in an ending today! This book is very easy to understand. I recommend this book to players of all levels. Once the basics are mastered, then *Batsford Chess Endings* makes an excellent one-volume reference.

So, what was my answer to "Which chess book do you recommend?" to the stranger in Nashville? Was it an opening book? After all, the vast majority of books shown in the U.S.C.F. catalog are related to specific openings. No, I don't recommend buying many $15.00 books containing 100 pages of soon to be obsolete theory. Some of these books are excellent, but it really depends on the openings you choose to play. Improving chess players change openings frequently. This is healthy and builds understanding in a wider range of positions. Buy too many $15.00 books and you'll feel like you've invested in an opening!

My single volume chess recommendation is: *The Road to Chess Mastery* by Max Euwe and Walter Meiden. Surprise! Sorry, but this 1966 book is out of print. It is also in descriptive notation. It is also my favorite book. Within the book are 25 games played by non-masters against masters. Each game is annotated to a high degree. The playing level of the non-masters gradually increases throughout the book until the non-masters actually win the last three games of the book. World Champion Max Euwe was one of the best chess writers of all time. Upon reading this book, a friend of mine told me that he felt that this book alone caused his playing strength to improve 100 points. I felt the same way. Sorry, but my copy is not for sale. Good luck in your search.

So, was the stranger in Nashville disappointed by my recommendation? Not really. In fact, he was planning on searching a particular used bookstore for whatever I recommended. Used bookstores might be as likely to have this book as any others. If he didn't like my recommendation, then he could easily obtain a different one from the master next board. We've all got stock replies for questions such as these.

It would be interesting to see the book recommendations of the world's best chess players. What would Fischer, Kasparov, Karpov, Anand, and Kamsky recommend? What about Smyslov, Najdorf and Kortchnoi? It would be interesting to see the recommendations of other Alabama players as well. What would Stuart Rachels, Daniel Miller, Kyle Therrell, and Charles Meidinger recommend? Perhaps we can find out from them in the coming months and report back. One can be pretty certain that each list of chess books will be completely different.

Another excellent source of book recommendations is printed in Ken Smith's comprehensive *Chess Digest* catalog. Although it may appear that he is trying to sell you a bunch of books (and he is!), the recommendations make a lot of sense.

See you at the bookstore!

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Randolph School captured the K - 6 top team trophy with 9 team points. Osiris Chess Club took the second place trophy with 8 points. Third place team was Holy Spirit School with 6 points.

The K - 3 Section was won by Mason Williams who finished with 4.5 points and edged out Joseph Chaffee on tiebreaks who finished second. Peter Petroff captured third place with 4 points. Fourth place was taken by Nathanael Chandler with 3 points while John S. Watts finished fifth also with 3 points. Peter Sloan finished with three points but had the unlucky tiebreak. Top unrated was Juanluis Rodriguez with 3 points who edged out Gregory Smith on tiebacks.

Holy Spirit School won the K - 3 first place team trophy with a dominating 14.5 points. Second place went to Osiris Chess Club with 4.5 points. Third place team was South Shades Crest with 4.5 points but a lousy tiebreak. This can be attributed to the fact that South Shades Crest consisted ONLY of Mason Williams. It is rare to see a one person team win a trophy.

The tournament was organized by Ed Meehan. Ed left no stones unturned and Huntsville will be blessed if he continues organizing tournaments. I was the chief TD and was ably assisted by Chris Lasky, Charles Yarbrough, Steve Webb, and David Hayes. David ran the computer and was helped immeasurably by Ken Sloan. We would not have survived registration without the help of Mary Francis Thomas and Chrism Hayes. Finally, Huntsville Chess Club President Jerry Wheeler was available all day wherever needed. We had a fine crew running the show indeed !

First Sunday Quads
by Ken Sloan

(March 1997)

A record 8 (count 'em 8) quads completely filled room 514 at the UAB Hill Student Center. The crowd combined with the weather and the confused heating system - for once most people were happy to flee from the room when their games finished. The fourth floor lounge was much cooler, or so I'm told.

TD/Organizer Kenneth Sloan found time to play; he won a pawn from Michael Schaetzle, but couldn't find a win in the ending. John Morcos and Jack Gwin (welcome back, Jack!) rounded out the top quad.

Phil Buchanan (still officially unrated) had the most interesting finishes, winning and drawing two games in which he was arguably dead lost. But, in the end he was a clear winner over Robert Bashinsky, Wallace Fard, and Richard Ellis.

Newcomer Taylor Curtis (formerly of New Hampshire) swept the third quad. He combined with Mountain Brook Junior High teammate, David Sloan, to dominate the adults (Robert Rieves and Philip Norton).

In Quad 4, Ken Starkey and Shikhar Vohra shared the lead, over John Perham and Brennan Young.

Brennan's Dad and Shikhar's brother played in Quad 5 with the King family. Vaibhav Vohra swept the field, picking up a bundle of rating points in the race to catch his brother.

In Quad 6, Mason Williams and Kendra King tied at 2, over Hamilton Simpson and Jacquese Evans.

Sauleh Siddiqui made a blazing entrance into rated chess; he hasn't lost a rated game, yet! His victims in Quad 7 were Harold Moore, Andrew Rozsa III (another new player) and Jason Turner.

In the Eighth and last Quad, Albert Lassiter, Peter Sloan and Robert Jones had success.

(The crosstables for this First Sunday Quad and some more recent ones appear at right and on the next page.)

First Sunday Quads - 2 March 1997

Quad 1

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Kenneth Sloan	1886		=	1	1	2.5
2 Michael Schaetzle	1658	=		0	1	1.5
3 John Morcos	1891	0	1		0	1.0
4 Jack Gwin	1830	0	0	1		1.0

Quad 2

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Phil Buchanan	1504		1	=	1	2.5
2 Robert Bashinsky	1552	0		1	1	2.0
3 Wallace David Fard	1446	=	0		1	1.5
4 Richard Ellis	1500	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 3

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Taylor Curtis	1236		1	1	1	3.0
2 David Sloan	1296	0		1	1	2.0
3 Robert Rieves	1371	0	0		1	1.0
4 Philip Norton	1122	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 4

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Ken Starkey	1127		1	0	1	2.0
2 Shikhar Vohra	1032	0		1	1	2.0
3 John Perham	1372	1	0		0	1.0
4 Brennan Young	0976	0	0	1		1.0

Quad 5

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Vaibhav Vohra	0949		1	1	1	3.0
2 Phil King	unrated	0		1	1	2.0
3 Thomas Young	0964	0	0		1	1.0
4 David King	0743	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 6

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Mason Williams	0810		0	1	1	2.0
2 Kendra King	0802	1		0	1	2.0
3 Hamilton Simpson	1164	0	1		0	1.0
4 Jacquese Evans	unrated	0	0	1		1.0

Quad 7

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Sauleh Siddiqui	unrated		1	1	1	3.0
2 Harold Moore	0580	0		1	1	2.0
3 Andrew Rozsa III	unrated	0	0		1	1.0
4 Jason Turner	0648	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 8

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Albert Lassiter	0593		1	0	1	2.0
2 Peter Sloan	0532	0		1	1	2.0
3 Robert Jones	unrated	1	0		1	2.0
4 Beverly Ashley	0388	0	0	0		0.0

First Sunday Quads - 6 April 1997

Quad 1

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Jeff Story	1877		1	=	1	2.5
2 Vince Higginbotham	1330	0		1	1	2.0
3 Michael J deVito	1761	=	0		1	1.5
4 James Bowen	1650	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 2

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Nuwan Suriyagoda	unrated		1	1	1	3.0
2 Richard Ellis	1400	0		0	1	1.0
3 David Sloan	1285	0	1		0	1.0
4 Mike Matson	1279	0	0	1		1.0

Quad 3

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Roy Martin	1250		1	1	0	2.0
2 John Perham	1128	0		1	1	2.0
3 Philip Norton	1088	0	0		1	1.0
4 Don Yessick	unrated	1	0	0		1.0

Quad 4

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Ken Starkey	1154		1	1	0	2.0
2 Thomas Young	0941	0		1	1	2.0
3 Kendra King	0917	0	0		1	1.0
4 Bobby Armstrong	unrated	1	0	0		1.0

Quad 5

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Brennan Young	0999		1	1	1	3.0
2 Douglas Armstrong	unrated	0		1	1	2.0
3 Michael Friedman	0820	0	0		1	1.0
4 Mason Williams	0909	0	0	0		0.0

Hex

Player	Prerating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score
1 Lee Martin	0793	W 5	W 2	W 4	3.0
2 Sauleh Siddiqui	1084	W 4	L 1	W 3	2.0
3 Ari Friedman	0956	W 6	W 5	L 2	2.0
4 Ronlay Ashley	0608	L 2	W 6	L 1	1.0
5 Peter Sloan	0508	L 1	L 3	W 6	1.0
6 Beverly Ashley	0310	L 3	L 4	L 5	0.0

First Sunday Quads - 4 May 1997

Quad 1

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Nuwin Suriyagoda	1727		1	1	1	3.0
2 James Dreading	1913	0		1	1	2.0
3 Scott Alan Miller	1499	0	0		1	1.0
4 Richard Ellis	1400	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 2

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Robert Rieves	1297		=	1	1	2.5
2 John Perham	1155	=		1	1	2.5
3 Ken Starkey	1123	0	0		1	1.0
4 Philip Norton	1095	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 3

1 Warner Chandler	1040		1	0	1	2.0
2 Donald Yessick	1037	0		1	1	2.0
3 Sauleh Siddiqui	1007	1	0		1	2.0
4 Philip J King	1021	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 4

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Brennan Young	1037		1	1	1	3.0
2 Ari Friedman	0900	0		1	1	2.0
3 Julie Buse	unrated	0	0		1	1.0
4 Andrew Rozsa	0728	0	0	0		0.0

Quad 5

Player	Prerating	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Kendra King	0908		1	=	1	2.5
2 Howard Friedman	unrated	0		1	1	2.0
3 Adam O'Neal	unrated	=	0		1	1.5
4 Spencer Campbell	unrated	0	0	0		0.0

Hex

Player	Prerating				Score
1 Harold Moore	0755	W 2	L 4	W 6	2.0
2 Nathanael Chandler	0738	L 1	W 4	W 5	2.0
3 Andrew Chandler	0829	D 4	W 5	L 6	1.5
4 Robert W Jones	0569	W 1	L 2	D 3	1.5
5 Michael Friedman	0831	L 2	L 3	W 6	1.0
6 David King	0726	L 0	W 3	L 5	1.0

South of the Salt Line *by Jack Mallory*

The Mobile-Baldwin County Scholastic Chess League, which runs from October to March each year, completed its 27th consecutive season on a new note. Clark School of Mathematics and Science, a magnet middle school located in Chickasaw, won the 1997 championship with a 6 - 0 score! Clark dealt the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, the 1995 and 1996 champion, its first match defeat in the three seasons it has competed in the League. Thomas Elmes won the Paul Morphy Award, given each year to the most valuable player in the League. Elmes was 6 - 0 on board one, a remarkable display of consistency and dedication. Nicholas Elmes was awarded the Cecil Dickey Award given to the coach of the year. Despite a hectic professional work schedule, Coach Elmes devoted an afternoon each week, and several weekends to keeping the Clark Team focused on winning the championship. He was also instrumental in taking his team to a number of out-of-town tournaments to give his players more experience.

Mobile - Baldwin County Chess League - 1996/97 "A" Teams

Rounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points
1 ASMS	W 8	W 7	L 5	W 9	W 4	W 10	5 (2nd)
2 Phillips	L 9	D 11	W 14	W 13	L 7	W 4	3.5 (4th-5th)
3 Robertsdale	L 10	L 8	L 11	W 12	W 14	W 6	3
4 McGill	W 11	W 9	W 13	L 5	L 1	L 2	3
5 Clark	W 12	W 10	W 1	W 4	W 8	W 7	6 (1st)
6 Baldwin County	L 13	W 15	L 9	L 11	D 12	L 3	1.5
7 Daphne	bye	forfeit	W 10	L 8	W 2	L 5	3
8 Murphy	L 1	W 3	W 12	W 7	L 5	W 9	4 (3rd)
9 Rain	W 2	L 4	W 6	L 1	W 11	L 8	3
10 Foley	W 3	L 5	L 7	W 15	W 13	L 1	3
11 Fairhope	L 4	D 2	W 3	W 6	L 9	W 13	3.5 (4th-5th)
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